

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Sandy King, Shaun Lumachi, Janet McCarthy-Wilson, Darick Simpson, Joel Fierberg, and Mike Buchs

Guests: Jeanetta McAlpin, Chan Hopson, and Rosi Pedersen

Staff: Bryan Rogers, KC Nash, Kathy Parsons, Susan Gainey, and Suzanne Gordin

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Sandy King called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the October 21, 2008 meeting. The motion was approved.

IV. New Business

A) Executive Director's Report

- Bryan indicated that current economic conditions are playing out in a tough way for One-Stop staff. However, they are steadfast in looking for ways to keep job seekers motivated while connecting them to the pockets of hiring opportunities that currently exist.
- We have been working with partners on strategies around a number of initiatives. We recently received word that three Veterans' Employment Related Assistance grant applications we partnered on have been awarded a combined \$3 million. In partnership with the Orange County WIB and California State University, Long Beach, the Orange County-Pacific Gateway Regional Veteran Services Collaborative will serve 150 veterans, including 100 recently separated veterans, through a comprehensive approach to address barriers to employment and prepare them for re-entering the workforce. In collaboration with the South Bay Center for Counseling, the Los Angeles Initiative for Veterans Employment

(LIVE) will recruit, train and place 120 veterans (with an emphasis on recently separated and combat veterans) in high wage, high growth career pathways. Also, in collaboration with U.S. VETS, the VEAP 2008 Program will develop and implement employment/training related services to enhance and facilitate the rapid re-employment of recently returning veterans.

- Through funding from the Port of Los Angeles, we will funnel recruits and conduct other labor exchange functions in support of Licensed Motor Carriers hiring drayage drivers. In addition, the Port of Long Beach has expressed willingness to discuss additional internship opportunities for youth.
- We recently received approval from the Department of Labor to submit a final proposal for \$133,624 for the Program Year 2008 Congressionally Mandated Grant for the Center for Working Families made possible through the efforts of Congresswoman Richardson. The Energy Pathway Program will prepare residents for employment opportunities as Process Plant Technicians at refineries in the South Bay area.
- Bryan noted that California and Los Angeles are being asked by the new administration their thoughts on the future of workforce. Opportunities have currently been extended to the California Workforce Association and Los Angeles County Chamber. Shaun suggested Sandy and Bryan request a meeting with Mayor Foster to identify current efforts undertaken by Long Beach and possibly pulling together a small group of WIB members armed with talking points to reach out to our Congressional Representatives.

B) Board Review/Approval (handout provided)

Bryan presented a report recommending the nomination of six individuals to the Youth Council and the reappoint of Candace Meehan, formerly a student representative, as a representative from postsecondary education. This action would finalize the transition from the former Carson/Lomita/Torrance Youth Council and enhance representation among the varied categories required under the WIA and SB 293. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to appoint the six individuals noted and reappoint Candace Meehan as a representative from postsecondary education. **The motion was approved.**

C) Board Discussion

➤ **Oversight – (handout provided)**

Bryan noted one item for review – a Bimonthly Monitoring and Progress Report (September 2008) from the City of Los Angeles relative to operation of the Harbor WorkSource Center. There were no new issues identified through this report and one on-going matter involving enhanced case notes. Bryan also announced that we were notified we received “4 Stars”, LA City’s highest rating. A question was raised whether future

monitoring reports could be sent directly to the WIB. Bryan said we would look into it.

➤ **Strategic Planning – (handout provided)**

Staff presented a revised handout of the WIB's strategic priorities developed through the Strategic Planning Retreat and as discussed at the November WIB meeting. Following discussion it was decided to align the elements identified under three headings: Advocacy, Industry Solutions, and Youth Development. Further, staff was instructed to identify three reasonable priorities and goals under each heading and report back for discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.